

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Parson's Smokehouse Inventory Number: K-395
Address: 9868 Worton Road City: Chestertown Zip Code: 21620
County: Kent USGS Topographic Map: Chestertown
Owner: Donald Crew and Julie McCann Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 32 Tax Account ID Number: 003183
Project: Chestertown Emergency Services Tower (Site II) Agency: DBM
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Parson's Farm property consists of a farmhouse, barn, and outbuildings all dating from the early 1900s. However, a small stone meat house or smokehouse dating from the early 1800s exists on the property. The fieldstone smokehouse is positioned on the south side of the farmhouse near an agricultural field. The stone structure measures approximately 10-foot square and is protected with a front gabled steeply-pitched roof.

Two-foot thick fieldstone walls compose the structure. Vertical air vents are found on the east and west side and above the door on the north end. A new vertical plank wood door is supported with metal strap hinges and topped with an arched limestone lintel. The roof has been recently shingled using composite asphalt shingles and finished with a box cornice.

Though the interior of the smokehouse was not accessible, the MIHP form for this structure suggests that the roof is "constructed with rafters that are half-lapped and pegged, verge boards in the [interior] gables are about 6" wide and untapered, and the building was once stuccoed."

The smokehouse is the last remaining original structure on the Parson's Farm property, and a unique example of a stone smokehouse in the county. The stone is in good condition and the interior is likely in fair to good condition with the addition

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u>"Last remaining original building" and "unique" are not sufficient to demonstrate significance.</u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>11/09/04</u> Date
<u>Blum</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>12/1/04</u> Date

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of the new roof as a level of protection. The small stone structure is architecturally significant example of a smokehouse and construction methods (pegged lap joints) from the early 19th century in Kent County. It is recommended that the smokehouse is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: September 14, 2004

ⁱ Fritz, Marsha. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, Parsons Farm Stone Dairy, K-395.



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Parson's Smokehouse

Kent County, MD

Kathryn St. Clair

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View of the Facade (east side) of the smokehouse.



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View of the Southwest side of the smokehouse.

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Parsons Farm Stone Smokehouse
Worton
c. 1800

This ten foot square fieldstone smokehouse accompanies a 20th century farmhouse and other buildings. Its walls are about two feet thick and there is a board and batten door. The rafters are half-lapped and pegged, suggesting a construction date before the mid 19th century. It is one of at least four stone outbuildings in the vicinity suggesting the presence of stone in the soil in the same way as was found in Talbot and upper Dorchester counties where other early stone outbuildings occur.

PARSONS FARM STONE DAIRY
Worton, Maryland
(19th century)

This meathouse is one of the very few stone buildings in Kent County, and it resembles Charles Joiner's Stone Dairy (K-229) nearby in size and detail. Although its age is unknown, the pegged rafters would suggest a construction date before the middle of the 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Parsons Farm Stone Dairy

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side, Route 297, one mile south of
Worton

1st

CITY, TOWN

Worton

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William L. Parsons

Telephone #: 301-778-2887

STREET & NUMBER

RD #4

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: EHP 37

Folio #: 428

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parsons farm is located on the east side of Route 297 about one mile south of Worton. The house on the property as well as the barns probably date from early in the 20th century, but the most interesting building on the property is a small meathouse constructed of fieldstone. In plan, the building measures about 10' square with walls that are about 2' thick. It has a board and batten door that is hung on strap hinges and a small vent in its south gable. The roof is constructed with rafters that are half lapped and pegged, and it is finished with a plain box cornice. Verge boards in the gables are about 6" wide and untapered. The wooden shingle roof is finished, as all shingle roofs once were with a "combed ridge," that is with a projecting upper row of shingles above the ridge which serve to shed water. Once stuccoed, the building is in fair condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES before mid-19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

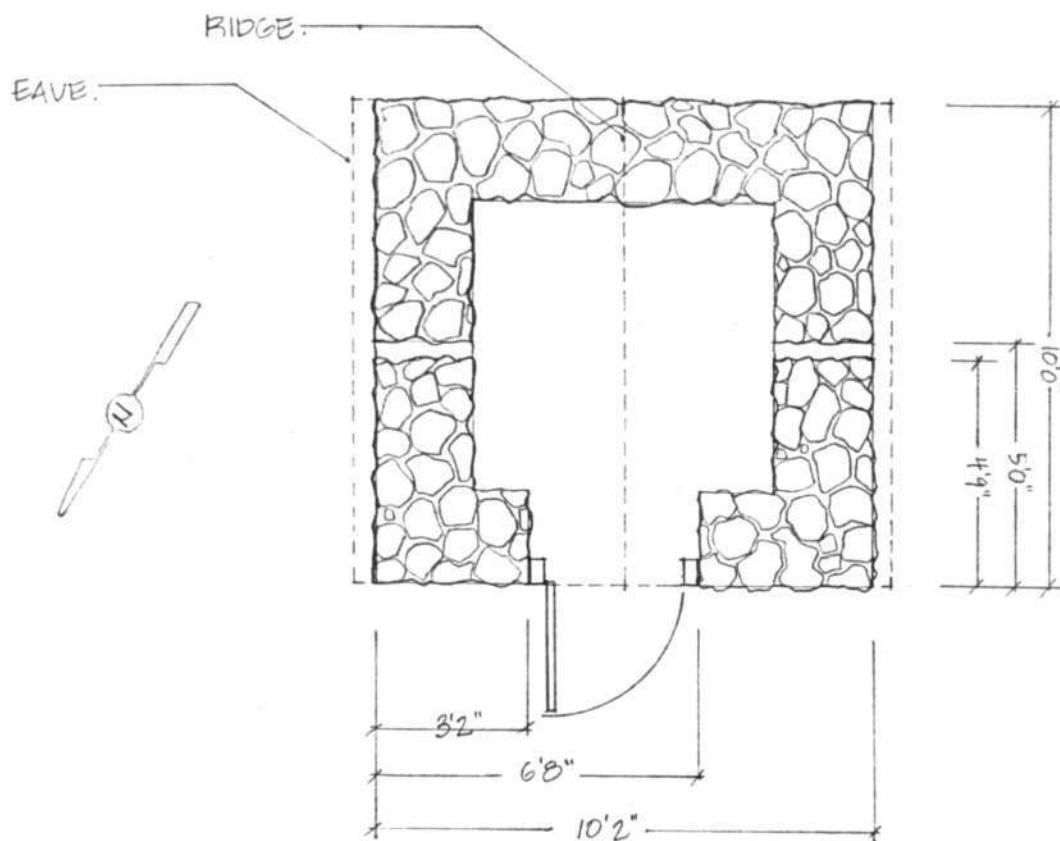
Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

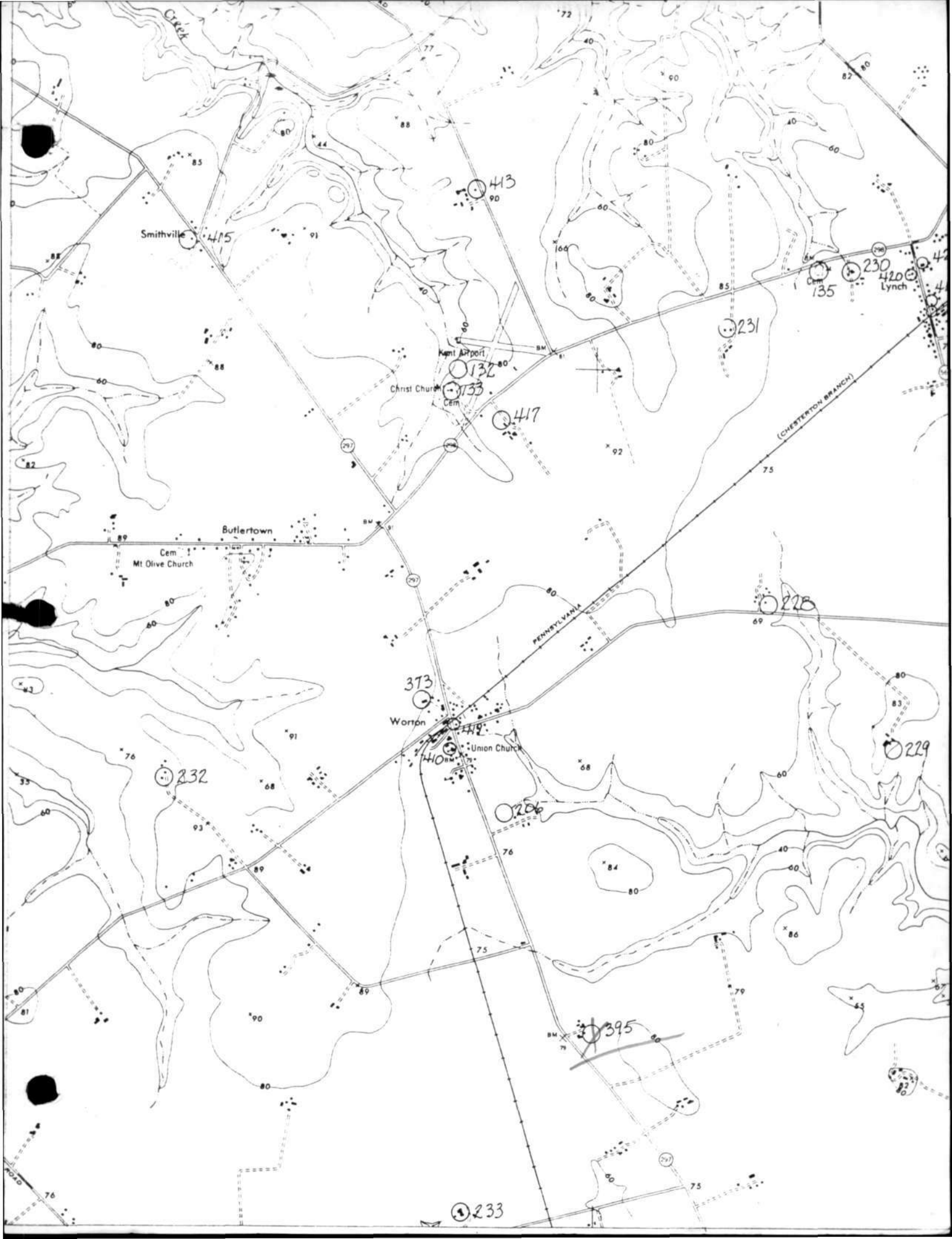
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



PARSONS FARM MEATHOUSE (K-395) WORTON, MARYLAND.
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'0"





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Photographer : M.L. Fritz, August 1980

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